

John D. Evans - Chairman and CEO,

Evans Telecommunications Co. &

The John D. Evans Foundation



John Evans is an internationally recognized expert in the telecommunications industry and a leader in technological innovation. He is perhaps best known as one of the co-founders of C-SPAN and served as its Chairman in the early 1990s, and continues to serve on its board and executive committee. He has turned considerable amounts of his energy toward consulting and speaking on the future of new technology and its impact on media and society. He is currently Chairman and CEO of Evans Telecommunications Company, an investment, consulting and operating company in the cable television and telecommunications industries. During the 1980s & 90s, his business partner, Gus Hauser and he created one of the nation's largest cable television operations.

Elected in 1982, he continues to serve on the National Cable & Telecommunications Board of Directors (NCTA). In 1981, he received NCTA President's Award; and in 1984, the prestigious Vanguard Award for Young Leadership in recognition of his contributions to the cable television industry. In July 2001, he was inducted into the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his achievements and contributions to advancing cable telecommunications in Virginia. In April 2004, he was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in Richmond, VA for his contribution to our country's national media.

In 1998, he was appointed to Internet2's Industry Strategy Council where he served for 6 years. In June 2008, he was appointed to Internet-2's External Relations Council. In 2011, he was elected to Internet2's Board of Trustees. In 2009, he was appointed by the National Science Foundation to serve on a distinguished panel to review and recommend multimillion dollar grants for NSF's \$200Million Academic Research Infrastructure Program (ARI-R2), an integral part of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*.

In 1995, he was appointed by Dr. Robert Gallo, co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, to the Advisory Board for the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the University of Maryland. In 1998, he was the keynote speaker for Dr. Gallo's annual meeting on AIDS and viruses, attended by more than 1000 of the world's top AIDS scientists and clinicians. In 1999, he was asked to head up a four-university research alliance, The Waterford Project, to accelerate the development of an AIDS vaccine for the world. In December 2001, he received the League of African American Women's annual award for his and The Waterford Project's contributions to fighting the global AIDS pandemic. In 2002 he was elected to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative Board of Directors where he also chairs the Finance & Audit Committee and serves as Treasurer. In 2008, he received the IHV's "*Lifetime Achievement Award*" for his work in AIDS Vaccine research and his public service.

In 2009, he was honored by Washington and Jefferson College with their *Entrepreneur of the Year Award* in recognition for his contributions to business and non-profit ventures; and "*Courage in Business Award*" from the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

As a U.S. Navy Lieutenant, he served aboard the aircraft carriers USS America and USS John F. Kennedy, as television project officer for "SeaLab" project and on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon.

Mr. Evans graduated from the University of Michigan and is an active alumnus serving on U of M's President's Advisory Group and several other U of M Advisory Councils. He was a U of M commencement speaker for the 2009 Communications Graduation.

As founder of the John D. Evans Foundation, Mr. Evans is committed to HIV/ AIDS research, protection of the environment and improving the quality of life through technological innovation, education and the arts.